



# DRAIHA study



**Data Registry of AutoImmune Hemolytic Anemia, to improve diagnostic testing for the development of personalized treatment protocols in AIHA patients**



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**Geen**

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**Geen**

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- **Honorarium of andere (financiële) vergoeding**

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# Autoimmune Hemolytic Anemia (AIHA)

Estimated incidence: 1-3 per 100.000 persons/year

AIHA serological type	N (%)
Warm, DAT+ IgG	131 (43%)
Warm, DAT+ IgG/C3d (IgM)	52 (17%)
CAD, DAT+ C3d (plus CA with a-I) (IgM)	84 (27%)
Mixed, DAT+ IgG/C3d, WA plus CA	24 (8%)
Atypical, DAT neg, + for IgA, warm IgM	16 (5%)

Barcellini et al. 2014  
Meulenbroek et al. 2015

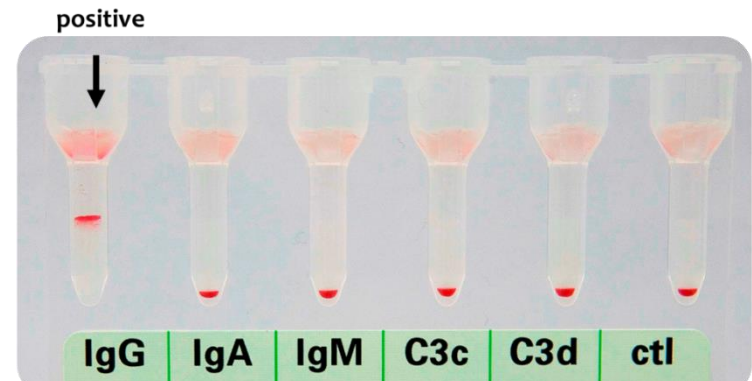
# Diagnosis AIHA

## General laboratory findings:

- Hemolysis (LDH ↑, haptoglobin ↓, hyperbilirubinaemia ↑, haemoglobinuria, reticulocytosis)
- Positive Coombs ~ DC ~ direct antiglobulin test (DAT)

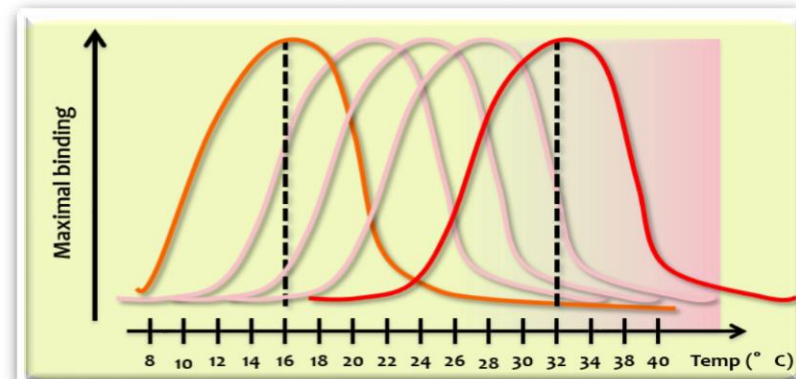
## Pitfalls in the diagnosis:

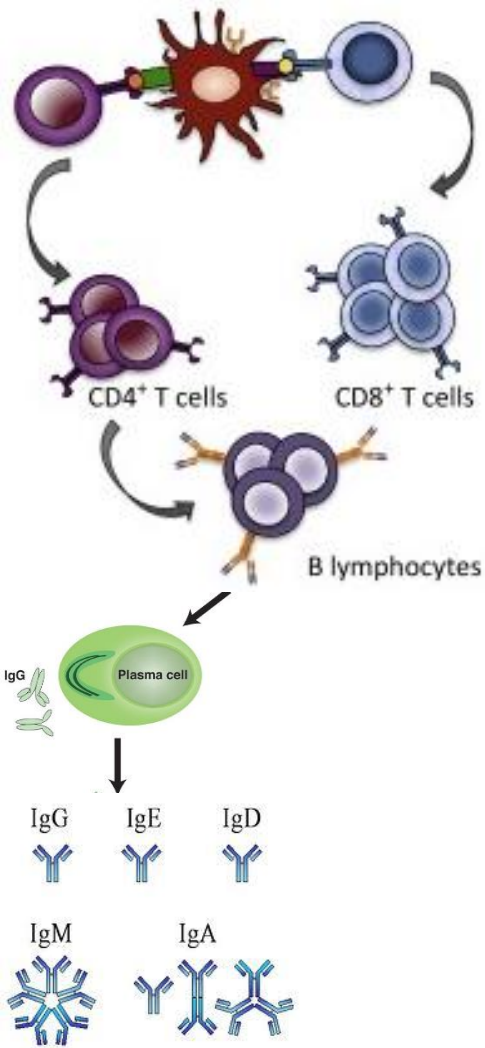
- ~ 8% false positive DAT in hospitalized patients
- ~ 10% false negative DAT



# AIHA- Clinical significance autoantibody

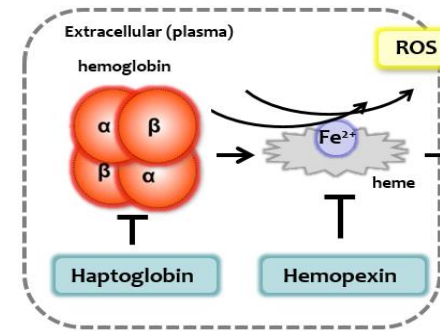
1. Isotype and subclass
2. Thermal amplitude
3. Efficiency in activation complement
  - In- or extravascular hemolysis
4. Specificity autoantibody:
  - Rh, Kell of glycophorines, Band3
  - I/i (AIHA cold antibody)
  - P (paroxysmal cold hemoglobinuria)





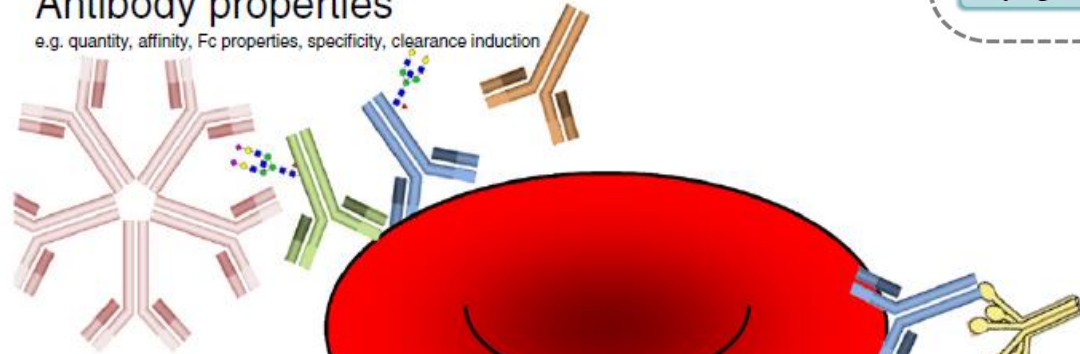
Dysregulation immune system

**Systemic inflammation  
Tissue damage**



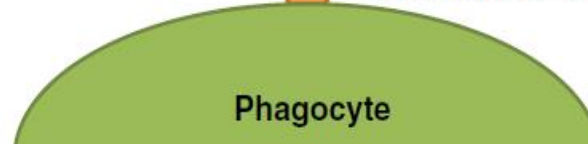
**Antibody properties**

e.g. quantity, affinity, Fc properties, specificity, clearance induction



**Clearance system properties**

e.g. Fcγ-receptor polymorphisms, activity phagocytes, involvement other immune cells, levels of complement regulators



## Missing knowledge

1. Optimal diagnostics for “Personalised Medicine”
  - Detect new pathogenic pathways for targeted therapy
    - Pathogenic effect of antibodies
    - Immune dysregulation (T or B cell dysregulation)
2. Optimal red blood cell selection for transfusion
  - Minimalize the risk of aggravation of hemolysis
3. The predictive value of a positive DAT in patients and donors



Transfusion. 2009 May;49(5):838-42. doi: 10.1111/j.1537-2995.2008.02054.x. Epub 2009 Jan 2.

## **Blood donors with positive direct antiglobulin tests are at increased risk for cancer.**

Rottenberg Y<sup>1</sup>, Yahalom V, Shinar E, Barchana M, Adler B, Paltiel O.

Case Report

### **DAT positivity in blood donors: A perplexing scenario**

Ravneet Kaur Bedi <sup>\*</sup>, Kshitija Mittal <sup>1</sup>, Tanvi Sood <sup>1</sup>, Rakesh Kumar <sup>1</sup>, Ajay S. Praveer



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Transfus Med Rev. 2012 Apr;26(2):142-52. doi: 10.1016/j.tmr.2011.08.004. Epub 2011 Oct 14.

## **Management of blood donors and blood donations from individuals found to have a positive direct antiglobulin test.**

Hannon JL<sup>1</sup>.

Incidence of clinically significant antibodies in patients and healthy blood donors: A prospective cross-sectional study from a tertiary healthcare center in India

Aseem K. Tiwari <sup>a</sup>  , Prashant Pandey <sup>a</sup>, Jyoti Sharma <sup>a</sup>, Kumari Shailja <sup>b</sup>, Surbhi Dixit <sup>a</sup>, Vimarsh Raina <sup>c</sup>



# DRAIHA study



- An observational (multicenter) cohort study
- **Inclusion criteria:**
  - Patients (> 3 months old):
    - DAT+ with positive eluate
    - DAT+ with complement and with hemolysis
  - Blood donors: DAT+ with positive eluate or clinical relevant cold autoantibodies



# DRAIHA study – design

## Exclusion:

Refuse to participate or no informed consent

Eligible for DRAIHA study:

1. Patients with a positive DAT and a positive eluate
2. Patients with a positive DAT with complement only, negative eluate, but with hemolysis



At time of inclusion:

1. Clinical data (questionnaire patient/blood donor and (donor-) physician)
2. Standard set of diagnostic assays
3. Set of experimental diagnostic assays



After 1-2 year of follow up:

1. Clinical data (questionnaire patient/blood donor and (donor-) physician)
2. Standard set of diagnostic assays
3. Set of experimental diagnostic assays



Evaluation of diagnostic test results in correlation with clinical data (transfusion, medical treatment and outcome).



## Primary endpoint

Determine diagnostic predictors for the course of AIHA.

## Secondary endpoints

1. Determine diagnostic predictors for safe and efficient blood transfusion in AIHA patients.
2. Develop a clinical guideline for follow-up and counselling of direct antiglobulin test (DAT)-positive blood donors.



### **Primary objective:**

- Determine diagnostic predictors for the clinical course in AIHA patients
  - Is the specification of a positive direct antiglobulin test and/or red blood cell autoantibody specification correlated with the clinical course in patients with AIHA

### **Secondary objectives:**

- Determine diagnostic predictors for safe and efficient blood transfusion in AIHA patients.
- Determine the clinical consequences of DAT-positivity in blood donors to develop a clinical guideline for follow up and counseling.

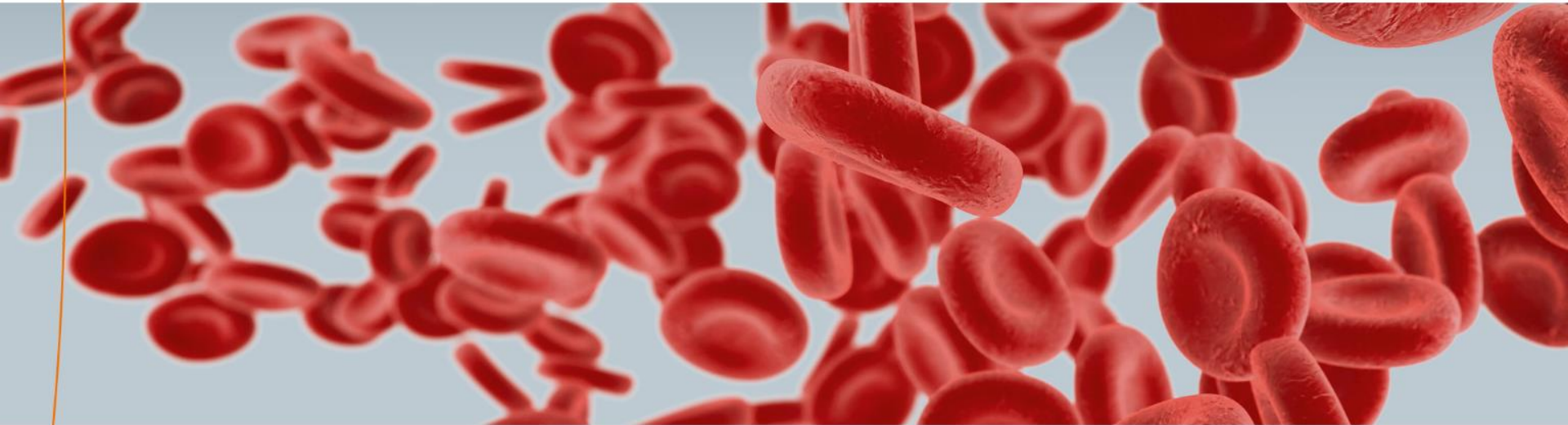




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# Pathophysiology- research objectives

- **Autoantibody characteristics** : isotype and Fc polymorfisme, specificity, affinity, complement activation, ‘thermal amplitude’, variation in glycosylation, interaction with phagocytes.
- **Antigen characteristics**: expression (glyco-)proteins on the RBC, loss of antigens.
- **Complement** mediated cellysis
- **Variation in clearance**: Fc-receptor polymorfism, phagocyte activity, membrane bound complement regulators.
- **Dysregulation of the immunesystem**: B- and T-cell subsets
- **Systemic inflammation and cytokine profiles**
- **Genetic risk analysis, molecular typing**